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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449.

Since copies of all the references were provided either by the Applicant or the Examiner in the following related U.S. Applications; Serial No. 09/454,851, filed December 07, 1999; U.S.S.N. 08/760,288 filed December 04, 1996, now Patent No. 6,051,227; U.S.S.N. 08/646,605, filed May 08, 1996, now Patent No. 5,811,097; U.S.S.N. 08/566,853, filed December 04, 1995, now Patent No. 5,855,887; and lastly U.S.S.N. 08/506,666, filed July 25,

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1995, now abandoned, upon which the instant application relies for its priority date, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copies of these references are enclosed.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. United States Serial Number 08/460,511, filed June 02, 1995, now abandoned; U.S.S.N. 08/486,968, filed June 07, 1995, now issued as Patent No. 5,707,605; U.S.S.N. 08/971,855, filed November 17, 1997, now abandoned; U.S.S.N. 09/134,072, filed August 13, 1998, now issued as Patent No. 5,980,862; U.S.S.N. 09/405,046, filed September 27, 1999.
2. U.S.S.N. 09/179,927, filed October 27, 1998 and U.S.S.N. 09/716,175, filed November 16, 2000.
3. U.S.S.N. 09/560,429, filed April 28, 2000.
4. U.S.S.N. 09/716,178, filed November 16, 2000.
5. U.S.S.N. 09/972,302, filed October 04, 2001.
6. U.S.S.N. 09/908,436, filed July 17, 2001.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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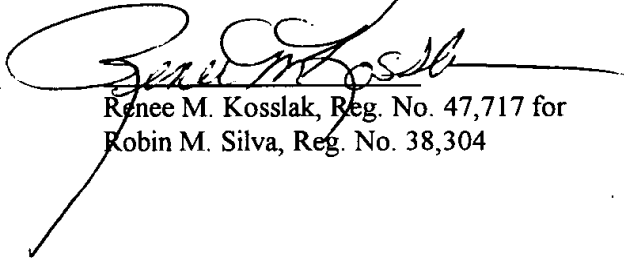
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Respectfully submitted,

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